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SUBJECT: OSCE Legal Personality, Round 6 ? Talks Make Progress As Russ

Ref: A) USOSCE 331; B) State 69698 and previous

¶1. Summary: Meeting for the first time since July, on September 13-14

Article 14 -- OSCE Officials

¶2. On Wednesday, before the WG convened, Belgium called a small group

¶3. At the beginning of the WG on Thursday, the Chair, Dutch Ambassador

-- Bracketed text providing general immunity from personal arrest or de

-- Azerbaijan, backed by Russia, continued to insist on deleting the ex

-- On para 3, and consistent with its longstanding efforts to draw dist

-- There was considerable discussion on exemption from immigration rest

¶4. After the UK (supported by Sweden) reiterated its continuing objecti

Article 4 -- Legal Capacity

¶5. Following the observation by the Netherlands and others that its inc

Article 8 -- Tax Exemptions

¶6. Germany, under instructions from its Finance Ministry, proposed cha

Articles 18 ? Entry into force and 20 -- Amendment

¶7. The US requested a statement of Secretariat views on whether the dra

Article 1(j) -- Persons Performing Tasks (OSCE PA)

¶8. The WG revisited the issue of whether members and staff of the OSCE

¶9. This then led to a lengthy drafting session late Thursday night and

Article 15 bis -- Waiver of Immunities

¶10. There was some discussion as to how to waive immunity for PA member

Article 5 -- OSCE Premises

¶11. The US said that proposed language in Article 5, regarding waiving

Article 14 bis -- Members of Field Operations

¶12. Russia wanted to delete the exemption from national service obligat
Charter

¶13. Russia proposed that a footnote proposed by Russia and Belarus be

¶14. Shortly after the conclusion of this latest round, Russia, Armenia
Conclusion

¶15. Once again, considerable progress was made in finalizing the text,
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